

Fernald Cleanup Progress Briefing-- 2502 Meeting Summary

On Sept. 14, DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald project managers discussed the status of each cleanup project at the monthly Cleanup Progress Briefing. Over 40 people attended the briefing, including representatives from the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board, FRESH, local township trustees, and media.

Gary Stegner opened the meeting with the following announcements:

- DOE's decision to recompet Fernald's closure contract;
- new security access requirements will be in effect soon which will require employees and visitors to remove their badge and hand it to the guards for inspection prior to entering the site;
- at the request of FCAB Chair Jim Bierer, a new handout is available for stakeholders that provides metrics for each cleanup project;
- the Oct. 12 briefing will focus on the Silos Project.

Project managers provided 10-minute updates of their projects. Two of the presentations (WPRAP and Waste Management) included short video segments highlighting cleanup work in the field. Stakeholders liked the video segments and requested that DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald use video as much as possible during presentations.

The question and answer session provided a good exchange of information between stakeholders and project managers on the following topics:

- Demolition: roll-off boxes used in demolition projects; D&D subcontractor for Plant 5
- Pit excavation: what do we expect to find; what are Pit 3 rad levels; if there are higher levels of activity in the pits than expected, how will we know it and what will happen; want to see large photo of waste pit area at future briefings;
- TSCA Incinerator: heard GAO is considering closing the TSCA Incinerator -- how will this affect us;
- Intermodal: since railcars are not part of a unit train and do not receive priority transit, will this present a rad problem; can Fernald use other sites (than Conway, Pa); acknowledged that intermodal is new and stakeholders should continue to ask questions about this option;
- Radium source brought to Fernald: concerned this may set a precedent and cautioned DOE to be careful; recommended that the costs associated with disposal be paid by Hamilton County, not Fernald;
- Silos Project: what is Silo 3 treatment process; when will Silos documents be ready for public review;
- NTS shipments: where was T-hopper high dose detected;
- Wells: what are the results from the reinjection wells; wells south of Paddys Run had high levels of uranium last year --what are results this year;
- Southfield: are there hot spots.

Stakeholder feedback was very positive. Several stakeholders requested that all presenters

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use the microphone during the question and answer session because it is difficult to hear the responses. Other comments included:

- I would like a copy of the Monitoring Well reports when issued. Color Cleanup Status photo is excellent; lots of information in small space; current photo excellent/helpful.
- Like the videos.
- Provide microphone during Q&A.
- One of the best briefings I've ever attended. Presenters did a good job and attendees asked intelligent questions. I learned a lot. Keep up the good work. Good use of video.
- Video good idea. Good meeting. Thank you.
- Use video presentation for each update presentation! Use microphones for talking in audiences.
- When will the 1998 ISER be released? It has been "advertised" as completed since May or June, but is still not available at the PEIC. Last week, they said it required a DOE cover letter before it could be released. What is the holdup?
- Three comments were faxed to Public Affairs regarding the Silos Project; specifically, patching the foam insulation on the silo domes; pressure differential method of radon control; and the Radon Control System for the Accelerated Waste Retrieval. (Copies of these comments can be obtained from Public Affairs.)